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SUBJECT: MEDICAL FLIGHTS FROM BERLIN

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1. EMBASSY CIVIL AIR ATTACHE REPRESENTING ALLIED CAA'S
(FRENCH AND UK CAA'S WERE OUT OF TOWN) MET WITH HELD OF
FOREIGN OFFICE ON JULY 19 TO DISCUSS PROBLEM OF MEDICAL
EVACUATION FLIGHTS UTILIZING SCHOENEFELD. EARLIER SAME
DAY HELD HAD ATTENDED MEETING WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF
BERLIN SENAT AND INTERESTED FEDERAL GOVERNMENT MINIS-
TRIES TO SEEK SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM.

2. AS DESCRIBED BY HELD, MEETING ANALYZED PROBLEM AS
ONE OF COSTS AND OF AVAILABILITY OF ALLIED AIRCRAFT.
HE SAID THERE WAS NO PROBLEM OF MEDICAL SERVICES IN-
VOLVED NOT BEING INFORMED OF FEDERAL GOVERNMENTS DESIRE
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THAT ALLIED AIRCRAFT AND TEGEL BE USED WHENEVER POSSIBLE.
DEUTCHE RETTUNGS FLUGWATCHT (DRF) ESPECIALLY WAS IN
REGULAR CONTACT WITH FEDERAL MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION
AUTHORITIES. DRF HAD EXPRESSED WILLINGNESS TO COOPERATE
IF THERE WAS NO ADDITIONAL COST INVOLVED AND IF ALLIED
AIRCRAFT WERE AVAILABLE. THE FMT FELT IT COULD NOT
BE TOO INSISTENT IN CASES WHERE THERE WAS ANY QUESTION

OF POSSIBLE ILL EFFECTS ON A PATIENT IF FLIGHTS WERE
DELAYED WHILE AN ALLIED AIRCRAFT WAS SOUGHT. IN FACT,
DRF HAD THREATENED TO SUE THE GOVERNMENT FOR ANY SUCH
INJURY. THE FMT FELT THAT ITS LEGAL BASIS FOR REFUSING
FLIGHTS OF AIRCRAFT FROM THE FRG TO THE GDR WAS TOO
FLIMSY TO RISK A COURT TEST.

4. THE MEETING DECIDED THAT A TWO WAY SOLUTION WAS
INDICATED. COST PROBLEMS WOULD BE HANDLED BY SUBSIDY
FROM THE SENAT TO THE CHARTERER OF ALLIED FLIGHTS. HELD
WAS NOT CLEAR WHETHER THIS WOULD MEAN MEETING THE
INTERFLUG PRICE (WHICH WE BELIEVE TO BE WELL BELOW
COST) OR THAT OF OTHER NON-ALLIED CARRIERS. THE SENAT
REPS WERE UNWILLING TO COMMIT THEMSELVES ON THE SUBSIDY
EVEN THOUGH THE FEDERAL MINISTRY OF FINANCE REP SAID HIS
MINISTRY HAD NO OBJECTION AND WOULD INCREASE THE SUBSIDY
TO BERLIN IF NECESSARY TO MEET THE ADDITIONAL EXPENSE.
THE SENATOR FOR FINANCE APPARENTLY HAS MISGIVINGS ABOUT
THE PLAN. HOWEVER, HELD WAS CONFIDENT THAT THE SENAT
WOULD COME AROUND.

5. THE OTHER PART OF THE RECOMMENDED SOLUTION WAS AN
INCREASE IN THE AVAILABILITY OF ALLIED AIRCRAFT MAINLY
THROUGH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN AIR TAXI SERVICE WITH
MED-EVAC CAPABILITY BASED IN BERLIN. HELD ASKED IF
THE CAA'S COULD EXPEDITE APPROVAL OF BERLINAIR'S APPLI-
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CATION TO ESTABLISH SUCH A SERVICE. HE ALSO REGRETTED
THAT THE FRENCH IN THE BONN GROUP HAD BLOCKED THE FRG
PROPOSAL TO MAKE OVERFLIGHT RIGHTS TO TEGEL FOR FRG

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MED-EVAC AIRCRAFT A CONDITION OF GRANTING INTERFLUG OVERFLIGHT RIGHTS FOR ITS SCHOENEFELD-ZURICH SERVICE. HELD THINKS IT LIKELY THAT THE FRG PROPOSAL FOR LUFTHANSA RIGHTS TO TEGEL WILL IN ITSELF BE ENOUGH TO KILL THE INTERFLUG APPLICATION, BUT THINKS ADDING THE MED-EVAC OVERFLIGHT RIGHTS WAS WORTH A TRY.

6. WE AGREE WITH REF C THAT IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO GET A BETTER PICTURE OF JUST WHAT THE PROBLEM WITH DRF IS BY MAKING DIRECT CONTACT WITH A DRF OFFICIAL. HOWEVER, THIS WOULD BE INAPPROPRIATE AT THE PRESENT TIME SINCE THE IMMEDIATE STEP WHICH CAN PRESUMABLY BE TAKEN, FINANCIAL SUBSIDY, IS A MATTER BETWEEN THE FRG, THE SENAT AND THE DRF. GIVEN THIS SITUATION AND THE STRAINED RELATIONS BETWEEN THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND THE DRF, FOR US TO BECOME INVOLVED WITH THE DRF AT THIS STAGE COULD COMPLICATE MATTERS AND WOULD PROBABLY BE RESENTED BY ALL GERMAN PARTIES CONCERNED.
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7. WE BROUGHT UP THE MATTER OF MEDICAL FLIGHTS ONCE MORE IN THE BONN GROUP TODAY (JULY 20) WHERE WE SOUGHT TO GET BONN GROUP SUPPORT FOR THE IDEA OF A SENAT SUBSIDY. THE GERMAN REPS HAD NOT YET BEEN BRIEFED ON THE JULY 19 MEETING, HOWEVER, AND THE QUESTION WAS DEFERRED TILL THE NEXT BONN GROUP MEETING. WE ARE ALSO CONTINUING TO PUSH THE BRITISH FOR ACTION ON BERLINAIR'S APPLICATION. NOW THAT FRG HAS URGED APPROVAL OF THAT APPLICATION, WE CONSIDER IT EVEN MORE USEFUL FOR THE DEPARTMENT TO AUTHORIZE APPROACHES TO HMG IN LONDON AND WASHINGTON AS RECOMMENDED REF A. SOME OF INTERESTED UK OFFICIALS WILL BE IN BONN NEXT WEEK FOR BI-LATERAL CONSULTATIONS WITH FRG AND U.K. CAA HAS PROMISED TO ASK THEM ABOUT BERLINAIR APPLICATION. HE SAID HE WILL PRESENT HELD'S REMARKS PARA 5 ABOVE AS OFFICIAL URGING

BY FRG TO CAA'S THAT BERLINAIR'S ESTABLISHMENT BE EXPE-
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